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Art Unit 1638  
Examiner: S.F. Baum  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/024,632 filed December 19, 2001  
Appellants: Steven Sichuan HE *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules Associated with Plant Cell  
Proliferation and Growth and Uses Thereof  
Atty. Docket: 16517.327

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 (1 month);
2. Response to Office Action mailed January 4, 2006; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the statutory fee of \$120 for a one-month extension of time to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.327.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.327. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures